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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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From the Department Commander

Greetings Brothers,

This is my last column as Department Commander and leads to recalling the challenges of my term. When I began as commander, I really wasn't sure that I would be at all successful. Aside from being Camp Commander and Secretary/Treasurer for Camp 25 I had never really done anything like this. I figured at least I could be a place holder until someone with real leadership and management experience could assume the role. I wasn't even sure what needed to be done aside from the routine reports and yearly department activities.

Then with the help of the staff and from comments from other brothers I began to see a way ahead and set some goals. I wanted to visit each of our eleven camps but only managed to visit seven, though some of those twice. I wanted to update the department email list. With your help we made some strides, but I am sure there are email addresses still to be listed. I was able to consult with the brothers of several camps facing distinct challenges and hope that my suggestions were of some value to them.

Other goals were made clear in meetings and discussions. Our website was in desperate need of updating so I appointed a committee and after a rocky start Brother John Wilder and Brother Ron Glidden came through in splendid fashion with a site that has received great reviews and is efficiently managed by Brother Glidden. Yet another goal was to change up our department encampment. Though very economical our reliance on the previous venue made it seem stale and attendance was not growing. The remoteness made it less attractive to wives and partners. Another committee was appointed ably led by SVC Rod Fraser and we have a new venue and new entertainment for our campfire. Another small goal achieved was a new flagstaff and finial for the department colors, Brother Kevin Tucker took the lead on that and got it done within budget with little complication.

I have had the honor to lead our delegation at the Michigan 2022 and New Hampshire 2023 National Encampments and expect to attend at Kentucky this year. To read General Logan's Order 11 at Bourne National Cemetery for two Memorial Day weekends was a great honor. Traveling to and participating in Remembrance Day at Gettysburg is a personal tradition I hope to continue for many years.

I encourage all brothers to consider expanding their range of activities within camps and the department. We need to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the challenges of maintaining and growing our order. You might think like I did that you don't have that much to offer but find that with consultation and reflection a path will open to which you only need to direct other brothers to follow.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
John Dupré

Register Now for the Department Encampment 26 - 27 April 2024!

2024 Department Encampment!

Brothers, the 2024 Department Encampment is scheduled for April 26 and 27 at the Lakeside Inn, 595 North Avenue, Wakefield, MA.
The Encampment Site Committee has worked hard to find a great location with affordable overnight room rates. The committee looked at 6 different locations before deciding on the Lakeside.
Schedule of Events:
Friday 26 April

7:00 PM Encampment Campfire featuring a “Pizza Party” and live entertainment by the “Swamptones” A local band steeped in the tradition of the Louisiana bayou, and surrounding areas. Jump blues, Tex Mex, zydeco, New Orleans rhythm and blues, and a little Dixie land. Their song list spends nearly a century of musical heritage.

Saturday 27 April

0800 Buffet Breakfast
09:00 Encampment starts with a Memorial Service for Departed Members
09:30 Business Session begins
11:30 break for Lunch
1:00 PM Business session resumes including election of Department Officers
6:00 PM Department Banquet
Please save the date and plan on attending!

Brothers,

The Department of Massachusetts has our annual Encampment coming up on April 26 & 27 in Wakefield. The Department decided to move it to a relatively low priced, but good quality, hotel in hopes of attracting more Brothers to attend, and to make their spouses or significant others feel welcome.

The Encampment Committee has put together a great mix of business and entertainment for all Brothers and has done a great job keeping everything as affordable as possible. There will be a free pizza party with live entertainment for our Campfire on Friday evening, and a package deal for breakfast, lunch, and the dinner banquet on Saturday.

Our annual Encampment is where we conduct the business of the organization, such as passing resolutions and motions, approving expenditures and budgets,

and electing Department officers and Delegates to the National Encampment. But, for each of us, it is much more than that.

A Department Encampment is an event where Brothers come together to share their knowledge, ideas, and experiences. The main purpose of an Encampment may be to conduct business, but it is also to provide a platform for networking, education, and collaboration among Camps and Brothers in our Department.

Attending Department Encampments is important in order for Brothers to bring their Camp's voices to the decision-making process of our Department, but it is also important for personal development as a Brother of the Order, as it provides us all opportunities to learn, network, and gain insights into the latest ideas and innovations in our organization.

Encampments can provide inspiration and motivation for your work. You can gain new perspectives and insights that can inspire you to take on new challenges and projects. Isn't that why we all joined the SUVCW in the first place?

And Department Encampments can also be a great opportunity to showcase your expertise and to build your reputation as a thought leader. By presenting your work, you can demonstrate your knowledge and experience to your Brothers.

I hope you will take the opportunity to attend and participate in our Department of Massachusetts Annual Encampment and get reacquainted with some old friends and meet some new ones.

I'll see you there!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Kevin Tucker, PDC
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
SUVCW

Department of Massachusetts 2024 Encampment

Registration Form

Friday April 26 - Saturday April 27
595 North Avenue, Wakefield, Massachusetts, 01880
781-245-6100
www.lakesideinnwakefield.com
Room Rate: $109.00 Call to make your room reservation using rate "SUVCW"

Wives and other family members are welcome to attend all events except the Saturday Business meeting and are encouraged to attend!
Wives are also encouraged to attend the Saturday Afternoon Tea during the business meeting!

Friday Night Campfire 7-9 PM
Chef's Choice assorted gourmet flatbread pizzas and Live entertainment by the "Swamptones"

	Price	No.	Subtotal
Registration	$10.00		
Friday night Campfire (Pizza Party with band "Swamptones")	Free		
Saturday Morning Breakfast	$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	$25.00		
Banquet - Saturday Evening	$35.00		
Total A la Carte	$95.00		
Discounted Package Rate (includes all of the above)	**$75.00**		
Ladies Afternoon Tea & Tea leaf reading with renowned Psychic Angela Fraser	$10.00		
Grand Total			

Saturday Banquet Meal Selection

Meal	Number
Sirloin Tips	
Chicken, Broccoli and Cavatappi in Alfredo Sauce	

Breakfast Buffet (8:00 am Saturday)
assorted bagels with cream cheese
scrambled eggs
home fried potatoes
bacon and breakfast sausage links
fresh cut fruit platter
juices, coffee, decaf and assorted teas

Lunch Buffet
Pasta Salad
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
Sandwiches:
Ham and Swiss Cheese
Turkey and Cheddar Cheese
Roast Beef and Swiss Cheese
Relish Tray & Potato Chips
Assorted Cookies & Brownies
Coffee, Decaf, Selection of Assorted Teas

Saturday Evening Banquet meal includes:
Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings or Caesar Salad
Rosemary Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Cookies & Brownies
Coffee, Decaf, Selection of Assorted Teas

Tea Leaf Reading
petit scones with whipped butter and fruit preserves
coffee, decaf and assorted teas

Make check or money order payable to Dept of Mass SUVCW
Send this form with check or money order to:
Daniel Murray, Treasurer
40 Lake Rd
Brentwood, NH 03833

Registration must be received by 15 April 2024

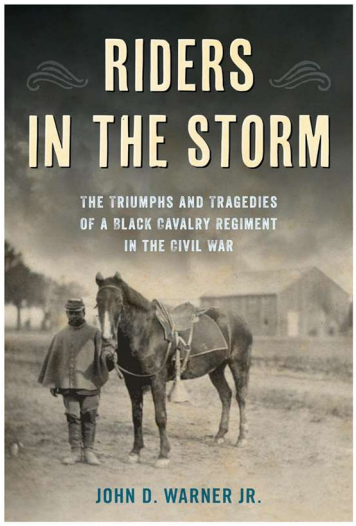
24th Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch

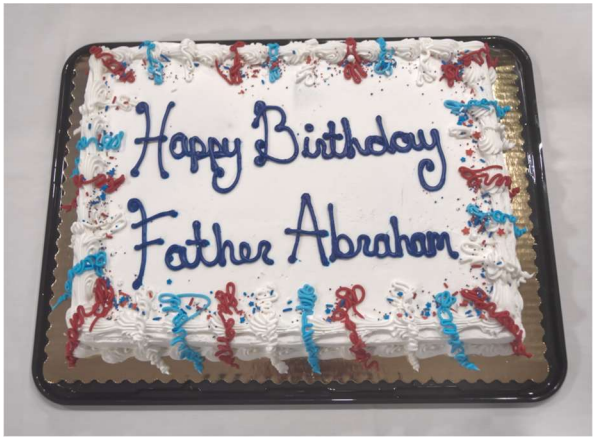
The Department of Massachusetts held our 24th Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch celebrating the life and deeds of President Abraham Lincoln Sunday Feb 11, 2024, 10:30 AM at Harrington's Pub, 17 Water Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts. We had the largest turnout in many years and were joined by our Sisters in the New England Auxiliary to the SUVCW, National Society Daughters of the Union, the Daughters of the Revolution and the Massachusetts Civil War Roundtables.

Our speaker this year was John D. Warner, Jr., author of "Riders in the Storm: The Triumphs and Tragedies of a Black Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War", the story of the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry Regiment, the only Black cavalry regiment raised in the North during the war.

His story of the 5th Mass Cavalry, the only Black US Cavalry Regiment raised during the Civil War is fascinating. After the presentation, dr. Warner sold and signed copies of his book. If interested in the 5th Mass Cavalry, his book is available on amazon and wherever you buy books locally.

If yu missed teh brunch, you can view a recap on our national Youtube Channel.





Camp 54 Receives Flag from Deployed Brother

Camp 54 Brother Captain Joseph Nawn, Brigade AS3/FUOPS & CBRN OIC, is currently deployed to Area Support Group - Jordan, U.S. Army Central and Third Army "Patton's Own", Amman, Jordan.

Brother Nawn sent Camp 54 an American flag that flew over Joint Training Center Jordan on December 28, 2023. with an accompanying Certificate of Appreciation. The Certification reads :

“Certifying this American Flag was proudly flown, with honor, as the Joint Forces garrison flag in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in support of US Military operations in the Middle East and around the world. May this flag serve as a symbol of the proud lineage that connects the sarifices of the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War, the survivors who proudly founded the honorable Grand Army of the Republic, and their descendants who continue to answer their nation’s call when called to war. May this flag also serve as a symbol of gratitude

for the continued and unwavering support of US Soldiers, Sailors, airmen, Guardians and Coast Guardsmen from a grateful nation to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Department of Massachusetts and col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54."

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CPT David Hayes

Willie Grout Camp Conducts Grave Dedication

Willie Grout Camp #25 recently rededicated the grave of Ira Cote, 4th Vermont Cavalry at the Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester, Massachusetts. A descendant of Ira had found his grave in disrepair and reached out to the camp for assistance in having it reset. With a base provided by Mercer Monuments, former brothers Michael Passmore and Maurice Healey led a team to properly reset and mount the headstone and place it next to the family grave in the cemetery. On the 16th of March Brothers George Maple, Daniel Anderson, Cole Anderson and Matthew Sargent rededicated the grave with members of the family present and with help from members of the allied orders.

Willie Grout Camp 25 Receives SHRAB Grant

I want to inform you that Willie Grout Camp 25 has successfully applied for and received a Veteran's Heritage grant from the State Historic Records Advisory Board SHRAB. We have now received the check which, combined with a previous grant from the Department of Massachusetts, will allow the original 1897 charter of the camp to be conserved by the Northeast Document Conservation Center along with an early 1930s copy. A full report of the award and conservation will be presented to the Clarion Call and the Banner on completion.

Major Thomas W. Osborn Headstone Dedication

The Department of Massachusetts and the Lewis Tift Camp 15 participated in a headstone rededication for Major Thomas W. Osborn at Hillside Cemetery in North Adams MA on Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 PM.
Thomas Osborn was a US Senator. Born in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, he moved to New York in 1842, graduated from Madison University in 1860, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1861. With the advent of the Civil War, he enlisted in the Union Army and rose to the rank of Colonel in command of Battery D, 1st Regiment, New York Light Artillery. After the war, he moved to Florida, commenced the practice of law and was appointed assistant commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen for Florida, (1865-66). He was appointed register in bankruptcy in 1867 and was a member of the Florida State constitutional convention in 1868. In 1868, he was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served until 1873. Not a candidate for reelection, he served as United States commissioner at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. In 1876, he moved to New York City and resumed the practice of law until his death at age 65.
Photo courtesy of Gene Theroux.

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NSDU Congress, May 17-18, 2024 in New Bedford, MA

Brothers, the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 has invited us to attend their 112th Annual Congress in New Bedford. The 1st Military District, SVR, will be sending a color guard. Events of interest to the SUVCW:

Wreath Laying at the Grave of Sgt. William H. Carney
Friday, May 17, 2024 at 2:00 PM, Oak Grove Cemetery (185 Parker St, New Bedford, MA 02740). Please RSVP by email to nsducongress@gmail.com .
Sgt. William Harvey Carney, was an African American soldier in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Born as a slave, he was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1900 for his gallantry in saving the regimental colors (the American Flag) during the Battle of Fort Wagner in 1863. Because his actions preceded those of other medal honorees, he is considered to be the first African
American Medal of Honor recipient.

Annual Banquet Speaker & Civil War Remembrance Award Honoree
Lee Blake, President of New Bedford Historical Society
Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Ms. Blake is an educator and president of the New Bedford Historical Society. She has spent much of her life raising awareness about black history and the important role New Bedford played in the Underground Railroad in the 1800s.

Congress Hotel and Venue: The Waypoint Event Center @ the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott New Bedford
185 MacArthur Dr, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

Registration form is below:

Info about the Sgt. William H. Carney Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Union (NSDU)

Women (and girls) of all ages are most welcome to join the Sgt. William H. Carney Chapter, NSDU of Massachustts. Our chapter has over 70 members who descend (direct lineal descendant or collateral descendant) from men and women who rendered service to the Union during the Civil War, 1861-1865. Please reach out to us by email at nsduboston@gmail.com for details. The National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 was founded October 9, 1912 in New York City, New York by Mrs. Frank Crowell. The Society is a hereditary society formed to honor the soldiers and patriots who were dedicated to preserving the Union during the Civil War.

National Society Daughters of the Union, 1861-1865

112th Annual Congress • May 17-18, 2024

President General Sue Petres

New Bedford, Massachusetts • Host Chapter: Sgt. William H. Carney Chapter

Meal Reservation Deadline: April 25, 2024 • **No Refunds after**: May 1, 2024

Congress Hotel and Venue: The Waypoint Event Center @ the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott New Bedford
185 MacArthur Dr, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740
Closest Airport: PVD – Providence, Rhode Island T.F. Green Airport

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SCAN QR CODE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Attendees may register for Congress by using the QR code, visiting the registration website: **https://nsdu.regfox.com/2024-nsdu-congress** or mailing a check and the completed registration form below to: Peggy O'Connor, 37 Bromfield St, Quincy, MA 02170.

Date	Time	Event	Fee	Number	Total
FRIDAY May 17, 2024	8:00 AM-Noon 4:00-6:00 PM	**Registration** *(All attendees including guests pay $20 registration fee each)*	**20.00**		
	9:00AM-12:30PM	**Board Meeting** *(National Board members only)* Lunch—Box Lunch *(See Info Page)*	**23.00**		
	8:00 AM-Noon 4:00-6:00 PM	**Shop at display tables.**			
	2:00-3:00 PM	**Wreath Laying for Sgt. William H. Carney at Oak Grove Cemetery** *(185 Parker St, New Bedford, MA)*			
	6:30-10:00 PM	**Dinner Buffet and Memorial Service** *(See Info Page)*	**48.00**		
SATURDAY May 18, 2024	7:30-8:30 AM	**Registration** *(Continues)*			
	8:15 AM	**Assemble for Processional** *(National Officers line up)*			
	8:30 AM-Noon	**Annual Congress Meeting**			
	7:00-8:00 AM 1:00-2:00 PM	**Shop at display tables**			
	12:00–1:00 PM	**Lunch – Wrap Buffet** *(See Info Page)*	**26.00**		
	1:00-5:30 PM	**Free time to tour area museums and sites on your own—***see info page & welcome packet for information.*			
	6:30–10:00 PM	**Annual Banquet – Buffet** *(See Info Page)*	**56.00**		
List any special food restrictions: _____			**TOTAL**		

Checks Payable to: NSDU

Name_____National #_____
Chapter Name_____Current Office_____
Address _____
Email_____ Mobile Phone #_____
Guests Names (if applicable)_____

☐ Check box if you'd like to serve as a Congress Page (no age limit). ☐ Check box if you'd like help finding a roommate.

Please list the names of your Union Civil War Ancestors for Ancestor Roll Call:

Mail check & registration form to: Peggy O'Connor, 37 Bromfield St, Quincy, MA 02170

Check out the Union Civil War Battle Flag Facebook Page

Brother Ed Norris, PCC, maintains a Facebook page dedicated to the preservation of Union Civil War Battle flags. Check it out!

https://www.facebook.com/CWFlags

News From the Department Patriotic Instructor

The National Patriotic Instructions will now be at https://suvcw.org/national-patriotic-instructor

Now that camps have held their elections, each camp commander is encouraged to appoint a patriotic instructor.

If you have any questions contact the Patriotic Instructor: Kenneth London: 781-848-8408 email kenlondon@comcast.net

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The Archives Needs Your Help!

The Department Archives is looking to complete our collection of records in order to provide full resources to researchers. We are looking for the following volumes. If you have one or more of these and would like to donate them to the Department Archives, please contact Dept. Historian Peter Preble (rev.peter.preble@gmail.com or Dept. JVC John Wilder (jwwt2000@hotmail.com).

We are looking for the following volumes of annual proceedings:

SUVCW National: 1914-1917, 1982, 1987, 1990-1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009-

SUVCW Massachusetts: 1988-2011, 2014, 2017-

GAR National: 1878-1881, 1883-1885, 1887, 1888, 1892-1894, 1896, 1899-1913, 1915-1932, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1947, 1950-

GAR Massachusetts: 1882-1887, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1896, 1901, 1905, 1907, 1948-

We are also looking for issues of "The Banner" pre-1908 as well as the following volumes:

"Massachusetts in the Army & Navy During the War of 1861-1865" volume 2

"Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, & Marines in the Civil War" volumes 1 and 3

Annual Reports of the Massachusetts Adjutant General, full set of war years 1861-1866

As always we are happy to accept any related records or publications to add to our collection, thank you!

Memorial University

In 1900 the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) voted to establish Memorial University, a college located in Mason City, Iowa. Its purpose was not only to educate, but also to instill patriotism in its students, and prepare them for an active role in American society. The University was closed in 1910. The spirit of Memorial University lives on as our web portal to SUVCW curriculum.

In 2009, the Officer Training Course for members of the SUVCW was added to the Memorial University. This course was a vision of Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert and was achieved through the efforts of a Special National Committee on Education and Leadership established by the 127th SUVCW National Encampment.

It is strongly recommended that Brothers who desire to attain Department and National Office complete the Memorial University Constitution and Regulations Course linked here https://www.suvcwmu.org/consitution-regulations

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